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(54) PRODUCTION OF MILK BEVERAGE AND FRUIT JUICE BEVERAGE OF GOOD FLAVOR

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To obtain a milk beverage or juice beverage that has taste and flavor like those of raw beverage despite of being heat-treated, by lowering the oxygen dissolved in these liquids before heat treatment of milk or the like.

SOLUTION: Milk, heat-untreated beverage containing milk, juice or juice beverage are lowered in its oxygen dissolved in these beverage to be lower than preferably &lt;10 ppm, more preferably &lt;8 ppm, particularly preferably &lt;5 ppm, and preferably, the atmosphere is replaced with an inert gas such as nitrogen gas, and then the oxygen-reduced beverage is heat-treated to prepare the objective beverage having similar taste and flavor to raw milk, unheated beverage or raw juice.

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